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## DOES HONOLULU WANT MR. WOOLLEY?

The above is a practical question now open for answer by the citizens of this city.

The Anti-Saloon League has invited Mr. Woolley to make his home in Honolulu and to act as its attorney and adviser in the prosecution of its work. In response to this invitation Mr. Woolley has come to look over the ground. His attitude is detailed in a conversation which took place on the day of his arrival. On being introduced to a local citizen, the latter said:

"I'm glad to see you here, Mr. Woolley, and hope that you will remain with us."

To this Mr. Woolley replied:

"That depends a good deal upon whether the community wants me or not."

The citizen answered that he believed that the community did want him; to which Mr. Woolley replied:

"Well, I'm a good deal in the position of the man in the audience who had been listening to Bob Ingersoll demonstrate that there was no hell. At the conclusion of the demonstration the man called out: 'That sounds all right, Bob, but you want to be mighty sure about it, for we're all depending on you.'"

In other words, Mr. Woolley is ready to devote his energy, time, thought and trained legal intelligence, in cooperation with the thinking people of Honolulu in an effort to curb the evils of alcoholic liquor drinking; but he does not propose to make a dray horse of himself, for the purpose of dragging an unwilling people along a path which they do not want to travel.

Mr. Woolley asks a clear-cut question and he is entitled to a prompt and decisive answer.

What is that answer to be, fellow citizens of Honolulu, do we want him, or do we not want him?

For one, the Advertiser replies that it most fervently hopes that Mr. Woolley will stay with us, and take up the temperance work here, for the following reasons:

1. The consumption of alcoholic liquor is doing deadly work in Hawaii.

It is diverting hundreds of thousands of dollars to the satisfying of a selfish appetite, which would otherwise go into the channels of legitimate trade and the permanent benefit of her citizens.

It is ruining individuals, wrecking homes, and depriving women and children of necessary food and clothes.

2. There is a strong, well-organized association of liquor dealers, whose business it is to foster the appetite for liquor and increase its sale. This organization has been temporarily demoralized by the reaction from the atrocities of the liquor law of two years ago, and the vigorous methods of the newly appointed Liquor Commission; but it is already laying its wires to regain the lost ground, and it must be met in vigorous fashion or it will succeed.

3. The active friends of the anti-liquor movement in Honolulu are largely either busy business men, with active affairs engrossing most of their attention, or clergymen, teachers and others, who are not used to the rough and tumble of life and whose experience and training has not been along the lines which equip them to meet, on even terms, the able managers and attorneys whom the liquor men employ to further their interests.

4. In order to maintain the advantage secured through the present law, it is necessary to have some one who possesses not only a strong belief in the justice of his cause, but legal knowledge sufficient to gather, formulate and present law and evidence, where and when needed, to make that cause effective.

It needs some one to stimulate and concentrate public opinion, and bring it to bear where and when needed, against the violation of the liquor law; in support of the fearless administration of the law by the Liquor Commission and against repeal of the present liquor restrictions, which the liquor men have already announced as their policy.

5. Mr. Woolley combines, in rare degree, the qualifications required to meet the situation above outlined.

He is filled with the sense of wrong which alcoholic liquor has done to mankind, and has devoted his life to righting, or at least minimizing, that wrong.

He is an able lawyer, saturated with the intricacies of the liquor law in all its phases, amply able, in and out of court, to effectively advise, defend and attack, in the interest of the cause which he represents.

He is on the ground, available, ready and willing.

What say you, fellow-citizens; do we want him?

## THE PRACTICAL VIEW.

"We have not got the ships."

In these words an American citizen, of patriotic stripe as untainted as can be found, has conveyed to the Advertiser what is probably the most forcible reply that can be offered to the appeal of Mr. P. C. Jones to the people of Hawaii, calling on them to abandon all efforts for obtaining a suspension or modification of the coastwise shipping law as imperiling the American flag on the Pacific ocean.

As President Cleveland said, "It is a condition and not a theory" which confronts Honolulu and Hawaii in this matter of passenger transportation. We have not got the ships that fly the American flag to conduct the traffic, or a fraction of the traffic, which had developed just before the two finest American steamships on the Oriental route were laid aside by disasters and only a short time before the three modern American steamships on the Australian route were withdrawn on account of failure to pay. One of the Oriental liners mentioned is again in commission and the other is about to resume its place on the route after a year's absence therefrom. Rumor has it that the Australian line will be replaced in operation early next year. In that case, the lost position will have been fairly regained.

Yet even then there is a likelihood that the accommodations would be inadequate to meet the demand. They might be for ordinary, but surely not for extraordinary circumstances. If, for instance, the Oceanic steamers were running between San Francisco and Sydney this summer it is quite likely they would be crowded on the northbound runs with intending visitors to the Jamestown Exposition. There would then be a slim chance for berths out of Honolulu. When the Manchuria ran on the reef here, and the Mongolia a few days later at Midway, the revival of popularity of Oriental tourist travel, checked by the war, had set in with strong headway. Honolulu had begun to receive a goodly stopover accretion from this travel. Since those disasters we in Honolulu know too well the reflex consequences therefrom—the sudden blow to tourist visitation of the islands and the incalculable loss and vexation inflicted on strangers and residents from indefinite detention here for lack of vessels to carry them away when they desired. The damage to hotel and other interests is simply beyond computation, not to mention the heavy negative injury from the failure of due fruitage of the large expenditure in our promotion enterprise.

In this condition of things the remedy proposed by Mr. James F. Morgan is surely not unpatriotic. "I think that a change in the law," he said in the Sunday Advertiser, "allowing the President or the Secretary of Commerce and Labor the discretion of suspending the passenger clause, would be of great assistance to Hawaii, but as soon as it is shown that conditions do not warrant the suspension then the existing law should be enforced."

The good of the people is the supreme law, and the people of Hawaii are entitled to have their welfare considered in this matter. A suspension of the coastwise law, through the executive power of remitting the penalty or otherwise, is hardly to be viewed as something impertinent for Hawaii to ask in view of the magnitude of the interests involved. The United States Gov-

ernment is now carrying coal in foreign bottoms between mainland coast ports, thus setting aside the law in a presumed emergency for its own purposes. It has just as much authority and power to come to the relief of Hawaii by suspending the penalty for carrying passengers under a foreign flag between the mainland and these islands. Until we have the ships let us use the other fellow's ships.

Soon Look is an applicant for a saloon license at Keanae, Maui. If he is refused he must soon look for another source of livelihood.

## USEFUL PRIMER TO FRUIT MEN

Horticulturist Higgins Issues Bulletin on Marketing Fruits.

J. E. Higgins, horticulturist of the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station, is the author of a bulletin just issued from the Gazette press, on "Marketing Hawaiian Fruits." It is a pamphlet of forty-four pages, illustrated, and ought to be a valuable aid to the fruit industry of this Territory, both in stimulus and instruction. Mr. Higgins, in his introduction, says in part:

"There are probably no products of the American farm that have passed so rapidly from the realm of luxuries to that of necessities as have fruits. More fruits are being used each year. The great middle class is rapidly becoming a fruit consuming people. Not only has demand for temperate zone fruits increased, but at the same time there has been an enormous development of the semi-tropical and tropical fruit markets. While the people have been learning to regard as necessities the apple, pear and plum, the consumption of bananas has increased and continues to increase at the rate of about one million dollars in value each year. Twenty years ago the banana was an unfamiliar fruit to many in America. Today several of the Pacific Coast markets with their abundant supply of temperate and sub-tropical fruits, consume a car load each of bananas per day. A few years ago the pomelo, or grapefruit, was practically unknown. Today it is everywhere in America and its increasing consumption is surprising even the wholesale dealers.

"This development which has been witnessed will certainly be repeated in the case of many tropical fruits now unknown on the mainland of the United States. The pineapple has only begun to gain in popularity. The avocado is a rarity in a few markets and never reaches most of the large cities. The mango is not known. All these and a number of other tropical fruits will certainly make a large place for themselves in the American markets. "Where will these fruits be produced? The eastern markets will be supplied by Porto Rico, Cuba, and the tropical portions of the mainland. There is no place better suited to supply the Western markets than Hawaii. The pineapple business is already assuming large proportions here. With this outlook the Hawaii Experiment Station has undertaken experiments to determine what fruits can be successfully shipped and further to investigate methods of packing and shipment. The experiments also serve to introduce new kinds of fruit in the markets. Experiments have been conducted in a small way for several years, which led to the shipment of several tons of fruit in charge of the horticulturist of the Station."

Besides describing methods of preparing fruit for shipment, the bulletin gives valuable advice on marketing various kinds of Hawaiian fruit.

## THE MAILS.

Mails are due from the following points as follows:

San Francisco—Per Warren, probably Aug. 13.  
Orient—Per Persia, Aug. 17.  
Victoria—Per Mowera, Aug. 24.  
Colonies—Per Aorangi, Aug. 24.

Mails will depart for the following points as follows:

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